



Metering System Monitors Cow Performance

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, Ill. — A new electric milk metering system, designed to accurately monitor each cow's milk production on a daily basis, is now available from Westfalia Systemat, Elk Grove Village, Illinois.

The Westfalia Metatron individual cow side microprocessor, monitors total milk production on each cow, providing information on total milk yield, automatic take off, maximum milk flow, average milk flow and milking time at the operator level. The Metatron eliminates costly guessing, alerts the farmer to marginal producers and allows for more accurate adjustment of feed to production.

It also is an automatic take off unit.

The Metatron works as a stand-alone milk meter or interfaces with the Westfalia Codatron dedicated independent microprocessor. When connected to the Codatron, the Metatron automatically signals for observation of cow for heat, dry cows, cows off feed and health code needs.

The unit works in any flat barn or milking parlor with any brand milking system. It mounts directly on the line or out of the operator's way with a remote connection with up to 32 meters for low or mid-line milking systems. A butterfat sampling device is available as an option.

Drought-Stressed Forage Kills Delaware Livestock

NEWARK, Del. — Several cases of nitrate poisoning have been reported in Delaware from feeding livestock drought-stressed forage. The deaths have occurred in cattle, sheep, goats and hogs fed fresh green chop from milo, millet and corn.

According to University of Delaware extension agronomist Dr. Richard Taylor, some farmers eager to salvage drought-stricken

forage crops have been cutting and feeding them. "Don't do it!" he warns. "You can't use any of the grasses — warm or cool season types — if they're suffering from drought. Feeding high-nitrate forage will kill livestock overnight."

Taylor advises growers to have any drought-stressed forage tested for nitrates before feeding.

ASA Recognizes Far Hills Farm

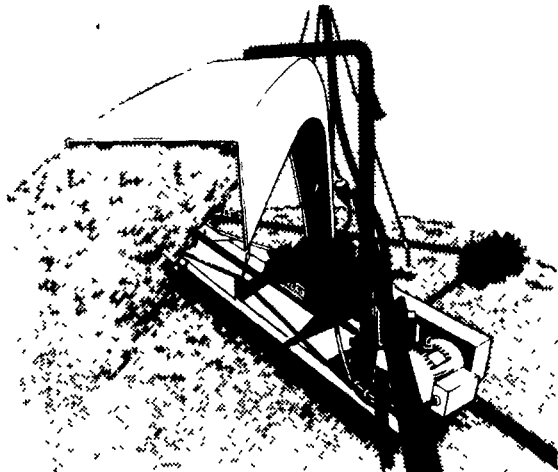
Silver Lady, a Simmental cow owned by Far Hills Farm, Far Hills, New Jersey, was a recent recipient of the American Simmental Association's "Excellent Award."

The Awards are based on data gathered through ASA's performance testing programs using the cow's lifetime "Most Probable Producing Ability" (MPPA). This formula evaluates the animals' within-herd performance.

To qualify for an ASA Cow Award, a cow must produce outstanding calves at regular intervals. "Excellent" awards are based on two consecutive calves; "Superior" awards result from four consecutive progeny; and an "Elite" cow must produce six consecutive qualifying calves.

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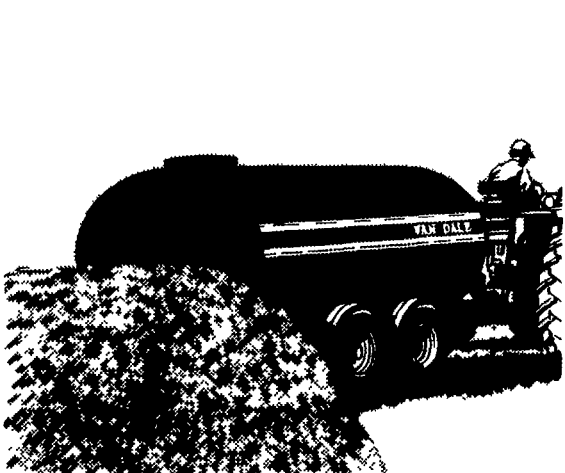
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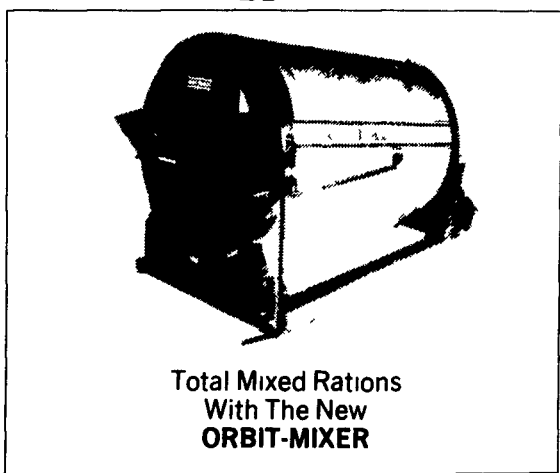
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